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  - b.) 10 References; and
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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Commissioner:

Applicant and his legal representatives are aware of the following publications and information listed on the attached PTO Form 1449, and in accordance with 37 CFR §1.97 hereby submit these publications for the Examiner's consideration. This application is a continuation of 09/291,215. Therefore, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), no copies of the previously cited art are enclosed.

It is respectfully requested that the information above be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application and that the publications be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom. In this regard, it is requested that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 with the next Patent Office Communication.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made and does not constitute an admission that the listed documents are material to patentability or that the listed documents are prior art. If it should be determined that any of the listed documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicant reserves the right to present to the Officer the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

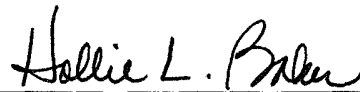
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Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

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